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Paw Paw High School

Paw Paw, Michigan



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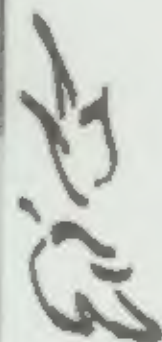
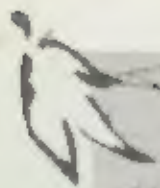
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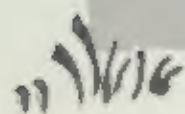


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# administration



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Second Grade

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Fourth Grade



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Sixth Grade

Mrs. Maxine Gosline  
Fifth Grade

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General Education



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Coach  
Boys' Physical Education

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Chemistry, General  
Science

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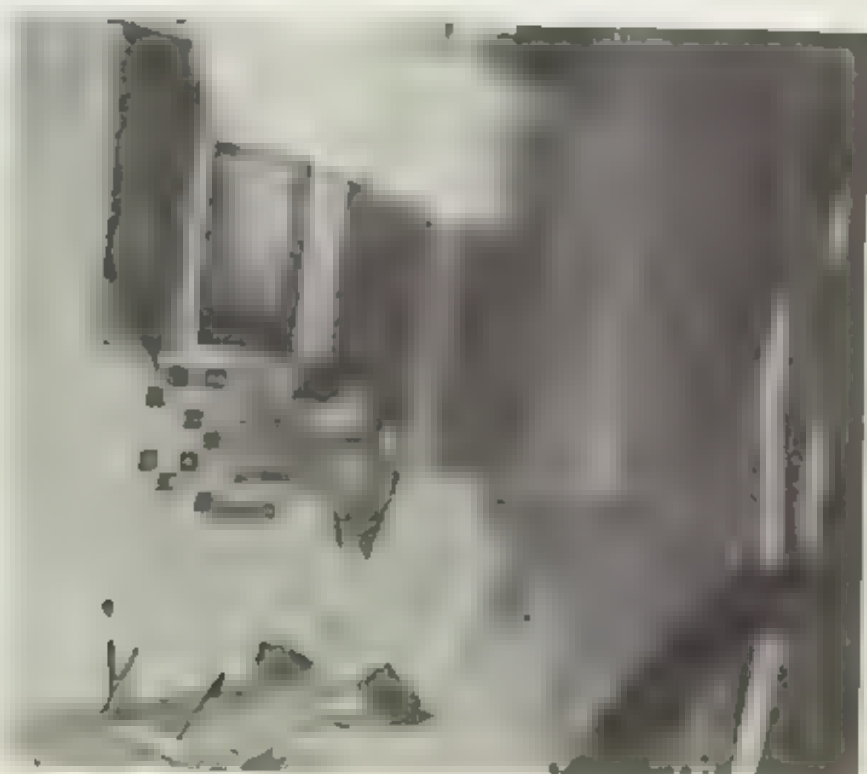
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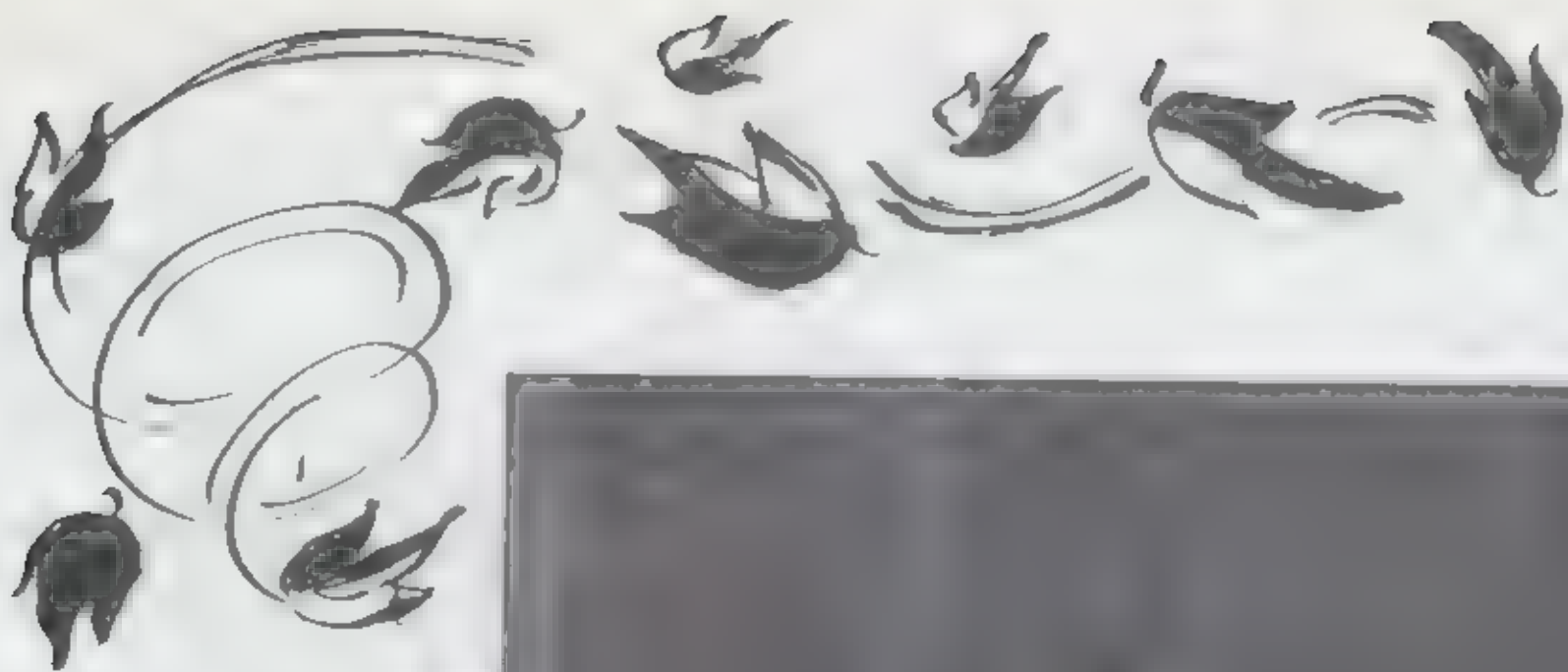
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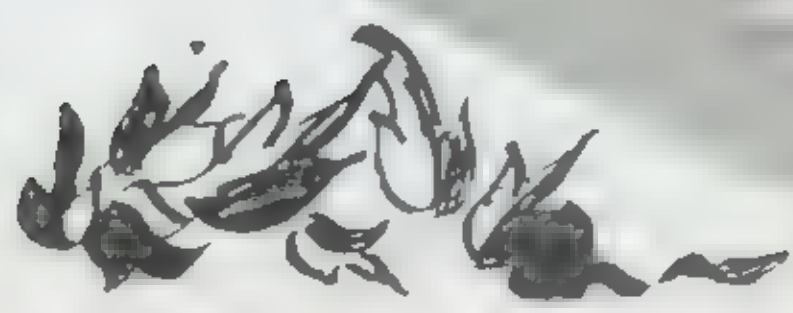
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Sally Ahlgrim  
Carol Ampey  
Paula Ampey  
Karl Benson  
Connie Bradley  
Kay Bush  
Robert Calow  
Robert Casato  
Helen Cooper  
Ann Fenton  
Patricia Cutler  
Carol Ford  
James Frego

Charles Hawley  
Billy Henson  
Donnalu Hess  
Mary Hogue  
Kay Jennings  
Rosemary Krumrei  
Lawrence Larson  
Frank Lula  
Richard Lula  
Mary Mandigo  
Nora Marr  
Joyce Masten  
Ruth McDaniel  
Linda McGuire

# 7th G R A D E

Kaye Mickle  
Charles Moore  
Violet Oswalt  
Charmaine Reschner  
Charles Richardson  
Clark Rieck  
Alice Ritsema  
Sharon Rivette  
Betty Root  
Richard Russell  
Nancy Scott  
Patty Sirrine



Alex Lanphear  
Judith Smith  
Robert Smith  
Richard Starr  
George Stratton  
Eugene Terrell  
Vera Trafford  
Ellen Wartwig  
Gary Whitworth  
Joyce Waldrop  
Jacqueline Glidden  
Lawrence Glidden  
David Hall  
Susan Hall



Lois Ayers  
 David Ampey  
 Barbara Brynelsen  
 Leland Cook  
 Vincent Counterzan  
 Ralph Cutler  
 Harvey Deal  
 Bill Douglas  
 Fred Dunlap  
 Dolores Farrow  
 George Farster  
 Rosetta Flick  
 James Foster  
 Earl Hummel  
 David Halsted  
 Dudley Johnson  
 Kathryn Krumrei  
 Don LaRue  
 Sandra Maxam  
 Malcolm McLellan

Thomas Smith	Drucilla Plank
Stacy Thompson	Dolores Plug
Fred Wenz	Richmond Rix
Nancy Willard	Billy Sirrine
Jerry Wilson	Lois Soule
Ora Martin	Noreen Terrell

Shirley Daines  
 Robert Dudle  
 Kenneth Edlund  
 Bill Fisk  
 Marilyn Ford  
 Kenny Goodenough  
 Diane Hoyer  
 Alice Jordan  
 Mary Murch  
 Robert Palmer  
 Robert Pressey  
 Bill Redman  
 Charlotte Reits  
 Sharon Riecks  
 Kathleen Sample  
 George Starks  
 Margaret Stimac  
 Rodney Glidden  
 Carol Henson  
 James Holcomb  
 Dortha Lipp  
 Alan Mumbrue  
 JoAnn Palmer  
 Andrew Pelt  
 James Prawat  
 Donald Price  
 Jack Livingston

# 8th G R A D E

Janet Quigno  
 Gwendolyn Ross  
 Reuben Smith  
 Clayton Pearce  
 David Ross  
 Patricia Spiech  
 Ann Starr  
 Marlow Terry  
 Paul Thoms  
 Dorothy Weinhart  
 Elvin Adams  
 Beverly Ballance  
 Bob Barnes  
 Tom Barnes  
 Charles Belanger  
 Judith Brockway  
 Ruth Brown  
 Claudette Chocola  
 Diane Cole  
 Bill Cooper

Bill Schmidt  
 Vernon Tinker  
 Elaine Turas  
 Francele Adauci  
 Verne Branch  
 LeRoy Castle  
 Ray Cutler  
 Ben Demereck





Virginia Verkonski  
Ellen Vukorpa  
Alvin West  
Duane Willett  
Laurel Willsea  
Thomas Zikan  
Roger Midling  
Michael Miller  
Joseph Minarovic  
Mary Mumford  
Richard Mundo  
Norman Newman  
Judith Novas  
Jerry Owens  
Paul Palmer  
Willard Poulin  
Wendy Riedl  
Robert Roat  
Richard Schallhern

Michael Hartman  
Robert Hindenach  
Lillian Hoffman  
Patricia Hoyer  
Steve Holcomb  
Tyrrell Hughes  
Richard Husband  
John Hrycko  
Beverly Jacobs  
Bonnie Jenkins  
Chad Johnson  
Kenneth Judd  
Norman Karlberg  
Margaret Kendall  
James LaVanway  
Judy Leslie  
Eugene Lewis  
Lawrence Burns  
Ed Buskirk  
Nancy Byers  
Barbara Carlson  
Larry Coleman  
Larry Conolly  
Elizabeth Coombs  
Wynell Harris  
Diana Daines  
John Demerick

# 9th G R A D E

Shirley Lipp  
Robert McCray  
Beverly McLaughlin  
Allen McLaughlin  
Thomas McLaughlin

Horace Goodwin  
Doris Goodwin  
Virginia Grimes  
Margerie Lipp  
Philip Crowder



Patricia Drake  
John Drake  
James Drake  
Bill Drake  
Beverly Drake

Dick Drake  
Mary Dowd  
Larry Elliott  
Sandra Scott  
Wilder Scott

Jacqueline Ambs  
Beverly Ampey  
Reta Ampey  
Roger Baker  
Judy Bell  
Allan Benwire  
David Berner  
Richard Bonarski  
Susan Bowers  
Judy Bowser  
Ralph Birdsell  
Bill Bradley  
Mike Breitenbach  
Linda Fisk  
Fred Fitczyk  
Marilyn Goens  
Roger Goens  
Richard Scotese  
Geraldine Seabury  
Joyce Serbenski





# thespian troupe 447



Third row: D. Heger, D. Young, D. Paul, T. Beezey, C. Langerveld, B. Henderson, L. Baker. Second row: M. Pugsley, J. Webb, S. Swindell, J. Heger, S. Burger, J. Hartman, Miss Freer. First row: B. Meyers, S. Cole, F. Blakeman, J. TenHouten, G. Barnes, G. Miller.

The high-light of the year for Thespian Troupe 447 was the presentation of the play, Our Town, by Thornton Wilder.

Other activities included a banquet at which new members were officially initiated, and several theatre trips to Kalamazoo.

President: Jacqueline TenHouten  
Vice President: Phyllis Blakeman

Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Miller  
Clerk: Georgia Barnes



# "come over to our house"



From left to right: Carl Silas, Larry Baker, Bruce Henderson, David Hoyer, Bill Young, Tom Bessey, Dick Paul, Gene Miller, Joanna Webb, Phyllis Bissman, Judy Hartman, Susan Swindell, Sharon Cole, Martha Pugsley, Susan Burger, Barbara Meyer, Carol Poulin, and Carol Leslie.

The cast included Carl Silas, Larry Baker, Bruce Henderson, David Hoyer, Bill Young, Tom Bessey, Dick Paul, Gene Miller, Joanna Webb, Phyllis Bissman, Judy Hartman, Susan Swindell, Sharon Cole, Martha Pugsley, Susan Burger, Barbara Meyer, Carol Poulin, and Carol Leslie.

Directors were George Miller and George Hoyer, and Charles Langerveld served as the stage manager.





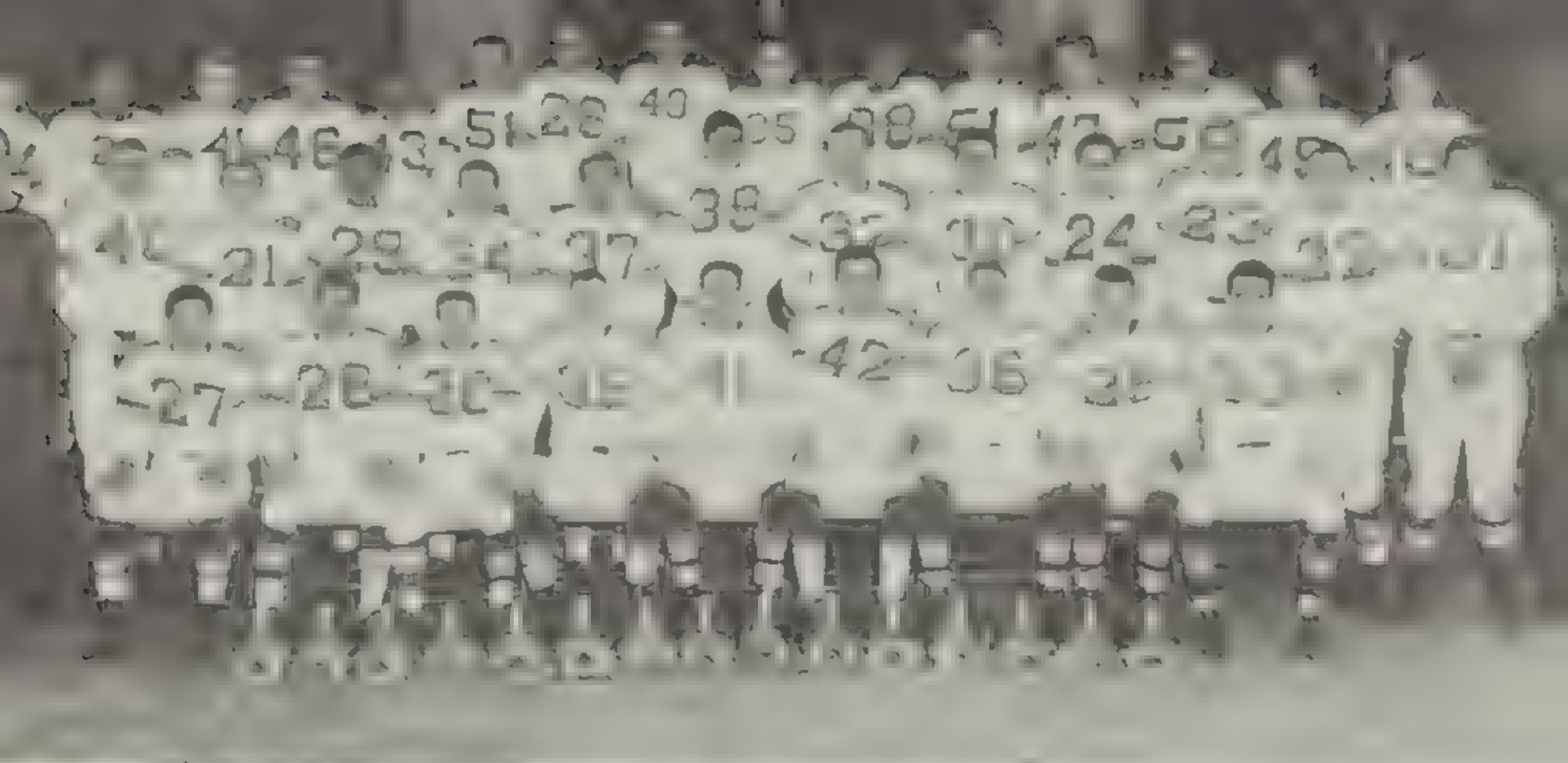
## "OUR TOWN"



On November 13 and 14, 1953, the National Thespians presented Our Town by Thornton Wilder.

Under the able direction of Miss Freese, the members of the cast gave a grand performance to an enthusiastic audience.





## football

Row 1. J. Coleman, H. Gorman, J. Wilson, J. Owens, W. Ampey, C. Silas,  
J. Abnet, G. ... .. D. Ampey, N. Newman, D. Lamb,  
D. Soules, A. McVie, H.  
Row 2. V. Campbell, ... .. G. ... .. G. Kolosar, L. Rivette,  
A. Compton, B. Kruse, G. ... .. J. Magg, C. White, N. Green  
G. ... .. B. Post.  
Row 3. G. ... .. J. Walters, D. Hoger, J. Goviea, C. Silas,  
D. ... .. P. Ewert.

Despite the loss of veterans from last year's fine football team, the 1953 squad had a remarkable season of six wins and three losses which earned them third place in the rugged K. V. A. League, only one-half game behind the second place winner.

Determination combined with excellent teamwork proved to be the success formula for the 1953 football squad.







## homecoming

Queen Martha Pussley, with members of her court, remained over homecoming activities on October 3. A parade, led by the band and including floats from all grades and organizations of the High School, was a feature of the afternoon, and ended with a pep session on South Main Street.

Between halves of the football game between the Redskins and the Vicksburg Bulldogs that evening, Queen Martha was crowned by Mr. C. Archer.

A dance, to which alumni were invited, followed the game and ended the homecoming festivities.





# student council



Standing: D. Spayde, S. Overnuel, B. Dorstewitz, H. Areaux, B. Henderson.  
Seated: M. Pugsley, T. Bessey, J. Hoger, R. Lanphear.

The two big events of the year sponsored by the Student Council were Homecoming and the Christmas Dance.

The Homecoming parade on October 30 was one of the best in several years, as was the dance after the game.

For the Christmas party, the Council tried something new and held the "Snowflake Frolic" in the Study Hall which was cleverly decorated for the occasion with a Christmas tree and snow man.

President  
Vice President  
Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Bessey  
Martha Pugsley  
Jacque Hoger



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Jacqueline Johnson  
 Ronald Klazura  
 Martha Kendall  
 Constance Lambert  
 Carolyn Landers  
 Cornelia Lozanske  
 Alan McDaniel  
 John McGuire  
 Allen McMachen  
 James McNellis  
 Irene Meabon  
 Sharon Mikle  
 Daniel Wojciechowski  
 Glenda Wolf  
 Sharon Wolf  
 Elden Sample  
 Robert Mock

Earl Agate  
 Helen Arcaux  
 Carol Bessey  
 Eddie Beutler  
 Gordon Blakeman  
 Russell Boley  
 Lenora Boyne  
 Bill Brynelsen  
 Janet Burns  
 Lillian Cesokas  
 John Coleman  
 Mildred Compton  
 LeMoine Curtis  
 Deloris Davis  
 Robert DePierre  
 Georgiana Dimas  
 Bonnie Douglas  
 Kay Ewert  
 Susan Farrington  
 Luz Fender  
 Eloise Glidden  
 Yvonne Goodrich  
 Nick Green  
 Royal Haefner  
 George Hatrick  
 Bill Hess

Barbara Zikan  
 Ted Ansen  
 Walter Coombs

Georgia Schmidt  
 Mervin Scruggs  
 Marcia Sheffer

# 10th GRADE



Donald Moon  
 Loretta Moore  
 Adele Mumford

James Higley  
 Thomas Hood  
 Lewis Johnson

Eugene Sherrod  
 Gilbert Seeley  
 Clare Silas  
 Ruth Skibbe  
 Harold Snellgrose  
 Richard Spayde  
 Judy Stanis  
 Charles Stearne  
 Gregory Tirlich  
 Lillian Tyler  
 David Walker  
 Tom Waters  
 Carol Nardielle  
 William Outman  
 Linda Pearce  
 Robert Redman  
 Martin Reschner  
 Bernard Ross  
 Geraldine Ziegler





Bert Kruse  
 Gladys Kruta  
 Rosemarie Labadie  
 Suzanne Larson  
 David Lamb  
 LeRoy Lesser  
 Delphine Lula  
 Fred Lula  
 Linda Longcore  
 Betty McKinley  
 Richard McNellis  
 Betty Marr  
 Betty Martin  
 Madelyn Masten  
 Hugh Maxam  
 Coleman Mock  
 Susan Overhaul  
 Dean Soule

Jerry Abnet  
 Ronnie Adams  
 John Adriance  
 Keith Huey

Jerry Sackett  
 Robert Seeley  
 Donald Sirrine  
 Virginia Roberts

Don Arpey  
 Wilbur Arpey  
 Marilyn Beattie  
 Bill Belen  
 Linda Benson  
 Russell Boley  
 Edward Bradley  
 Reuben Calow  
 Faye Campbell  
 Gordon Castle  
 Ronald Compton  
 Jerry Coombs  
 Phillip Curtis  
 Bill Dorstewitz  
 Lenore Feige  
 Ted Felcyn  
 Jacob Frego  
 Marian Huey  
 Sandra Johnson  
 Emogene Jordan  
 Lucille Kately  
 Carol Klazura  
 George Kolosar  
 Jim Kowalski  
 Dorothy Powell  
 Mary Reed  
 George Richmond



# 11th GRADE

Robert A. Goens  
 Ruth Goodenough  
 Eleanor Gronau  
 Gloria Gyarmathy  
 Charlotte Hose  
 Margaret Harris  
 Lynn Rivette  
 Sharon Rumsev  
 Robert Trafford  
 Audrey Venckus  
 Gloria Verkonski  
 Hale Whisler  
 Clifford White  
 James Wragg  
 Jim Bowser  
 Kay Rix  
 Anita St. Pierre

Claudette Szafrancowski  
 Edwin Thomas  
 Garry Thomas

Joanna Platek  
 Elaine Pedersen





## choir

With a membership of ninety, the High School Choir has done a fine season's work. The first performance of the group was a guest appearance at Lawton High School early in the year.

The choir presented a Thanksgiving program before a student assembly on November 25, and gave the traditional Christmas program on Wednesday evening, December 16, in the High School Auditorium.

The group took part in the Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival on April 29 in Kalamazoo, and also gave a fine performance at the annual Spring Concert.

### Choir Council:

President: Gil Seeley

Vice President: Pat McNellis


Secretary-Treasurer: Judy Hartman

Librarian: Phyllis Blakeman

Gown Custodian: Barbara Meyer

General Manager: Joe Govia





Third row: T. Bessey, G. Seeley, D. Hoyer, C. Silas, S. Burger, E. Vukorpa, P. McNellis. Second row: M. Pugsley, J. Hoyer, J. Webb, B. Dorstewitz, C. Stearns, L. Feige, L. Moore. First row: C. Bessey, J. Hartman, M. Scruggs, B. Henderson, L. Coleman, B. Meyer, R. Lanphear. Accompanist: J. Murch.

## Varsity choir

The Varsity Choir consists of twenty members and, besides its regular appearances with the choir, has made various community appearances.

The Varsity Choir is a fairly new idea at Paw Paw and it is a privilege to belong to the organization. The only requirement for membership is membership in the regular choir. New members are chosen by those members remaining from the previous year.





## CONCERT BAND

Each year many students try out for the Paw Paw Bands. Approximately 85 are selected to play in the Symphonic Concert Band. These successful students study band music with regular professional routine. The organization is composed of selected musicians whose main purpose is to study and perform the highest forms of music, and to give members contact with a large amount of the best music as a part of the educational program.

The Symphonic Band has won acclaim throughout the area for its annual "Band Show" and Pop Concerts. During 1954 the Tri-Cities Concert Series continued to gain in popularity. Outstanding guest conductors were secured for these traditional events. A Spring Band Tour climaxed a successful year.

Since its founding, the Symphonic Band has continually risen to take its place as one of the finest organizations of its kind. It is looked upon with pride by the school, the community, and each band member.

# DANCE BAND

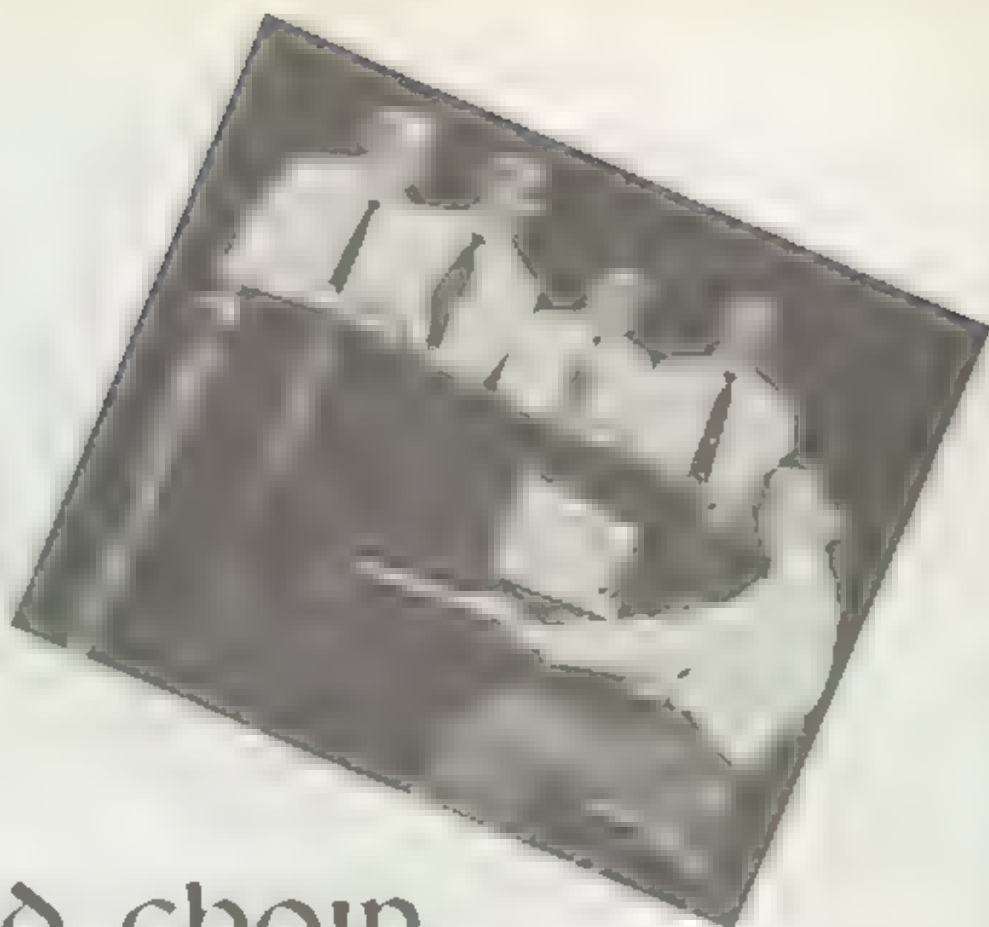


Second row: J. LaVanway, B. Outman, F. Walters, Mr. McEmber, L. Kately, J. Murch. First row: T. Bessey, C. Hose, M. Masten, R. Lanphear, R. Husband.

"The Modernaires", popular dance band composed of high school students and directed by Mr. Robert McEmber, made several appearances at school functions during the year. Their first appearance was at the Homecoming Dance on October 30. Again on December 12, they performed at the "Snowflake Frolic", the annual Christmas party.

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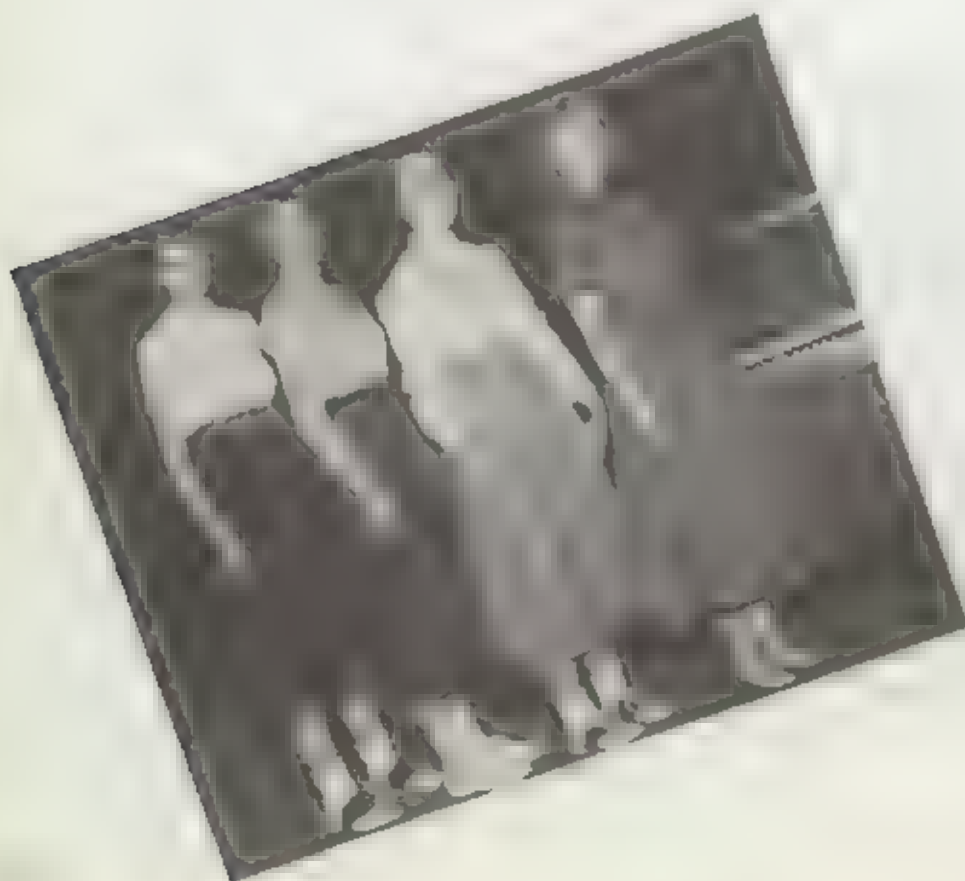




BAND and CHOIR



FEATURES



# Latin club



Second row: R. Mock, G. Blakeman, B. Hess, D. Walker, G. Seeley, S. Paulus M. McNellis. First row: C. Lambert, D. Davis, M. Sheffer, M. Kendall, A. Mumford, G. Demis, G. Ziegler, L. Moore. Seated: Miss Kirby, S. Farrington L. Pearce, T. Hood, L. Cesokas.

The Latin Club of Paw Paw High School was organized in October.

The purpose of the club is to encourage the study of Latin and to support other worthy activities of the school and the community.

First year Latin students were initiated as members during the second semester. A bigger and more beautiful Roman banquet was the main project of the year.

President: Tom Hood  
Vice President: Lillian Cesokas

Secretary: Linda Pearce  
Treasurer: Susan Farrington

# future farmers of america



Paw Paw Chapter 49 of the Future Farmers of America is a branch of the national organization.

It is a club of boys with a genuine interest in agriculture.

Activities during the year have included field trips to study various phases of farming, planting and caring for shrubbery, and sponsoring the regional F. F. A. contest on March 2.



President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Reporter  
Watch Dog

George Barkovich  
Ed McKee  
Ron Compton  
Glen Belanga  
Ed Bradley  
Don Ampey





# BASKETBALL



Standing: J. Webb, R. Bukovac, F. Blakeman, A. Stoughton.  
Seated: J. Schrump, E. Vukorpa, M. Edlund.

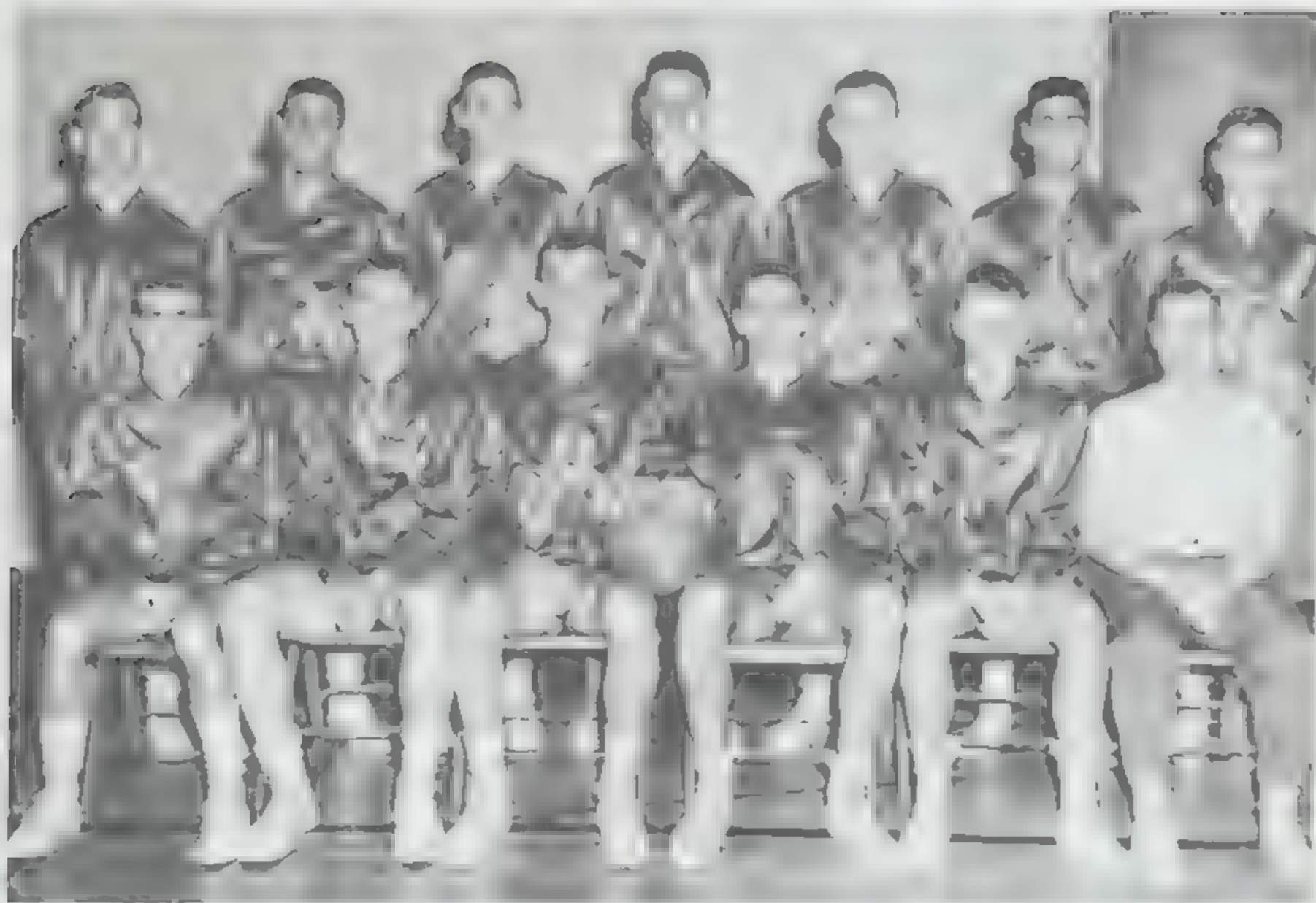
Standing: J. Webb, E. Taylor, R. Bukovac, S. Cole.  
Seated: J. Schrump, E. Vukorpa, M. Edlund, A. Eulian, J. Whitmore.

# VOLLEYBALL





# Basketball



Standing: L. Rivette, E. Bradley, B. Seeley, J. Abnet, B. Kruse, D. Amey, J. Wragg. Seated: B. Henderson, J. Hoger, C. Silas, J. Goveia, G. Miller, Coach Wayne Falan.

The Redskins turned out a very successful year in basketball. They lost their season opener to Mattawan, then won fourteen games for a winning streak which was abruptly ended by St. Augustine in the district tournament.

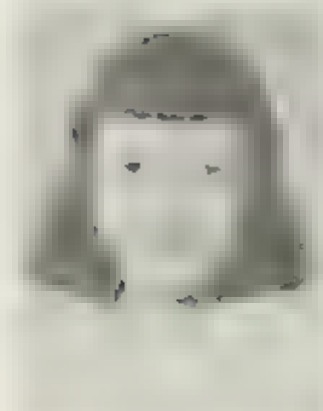
Faw Paw won the K. V. A. Tournament at Vicksburg, received the league trophy at the close of the season, and was honored by the presentation of a plaque by the Kalamazoo Gazette for top ranking among twenty-one Class C teams in the area.

Three senior players- Joe Goveia, Dave Hoger, and Gene Miller- made the all K. V. A. nomination. They, with Bruce Henderson and Carl Silas, will be missed by next year's squad.

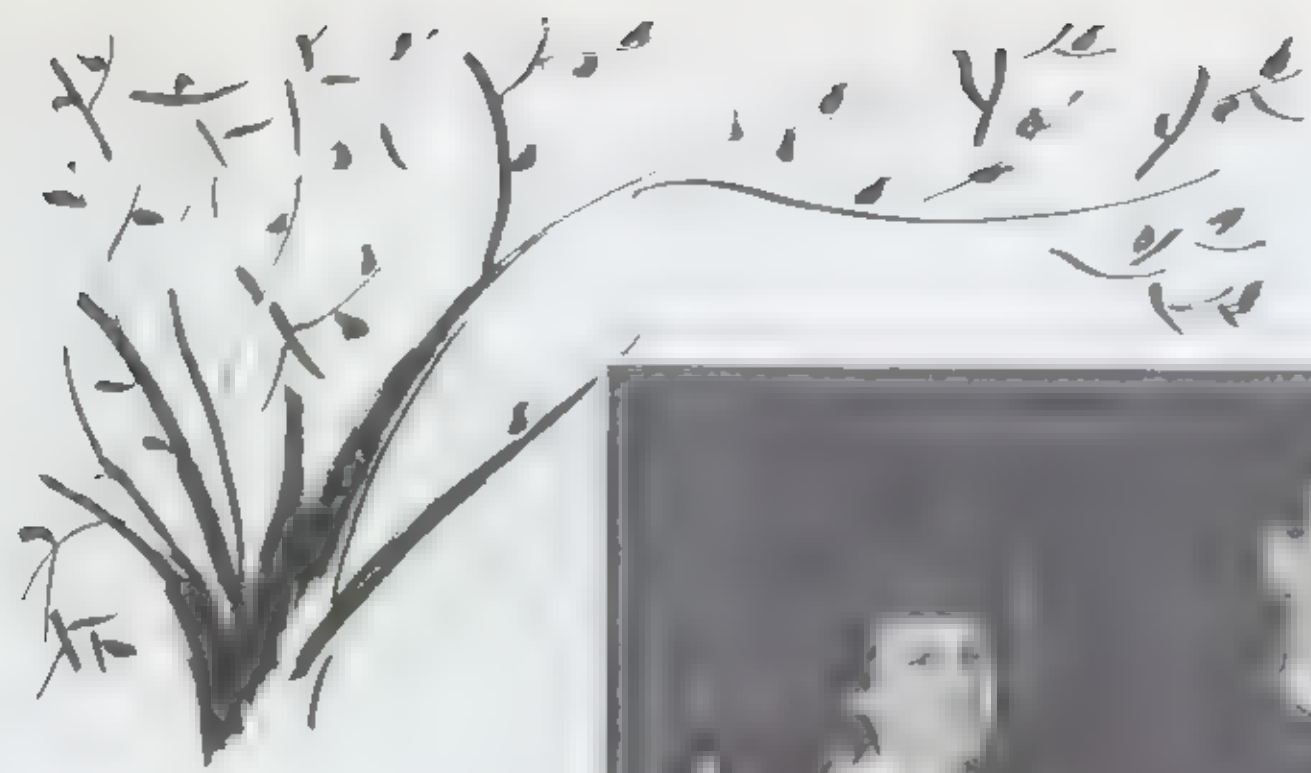












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David Hoyer  
President



Carl Silas  
Vice President



Miss Freer  
Advisor



Mr. Mc Guban  
Advisor



Ruby Bukovac  
Treasurer



Joanna Webb  
Secretary



Alice Kubian, "Al" "If life is worthwhile, meet it with a smile."

Love of dancing...shoulder bag...darling brothers...  
"Oh, yeah?"

Leaves her latest dance steps to future Arthur Murray enthusiasts.

In twenty years.. head of Sardine, Inc.. Norway.

Edna May Taylor, "When she says she will, she will; you can depend on it. When she says she won't, she won't, and that's the end of it."

maroon jacket...makin' hamburgs...that hair cut...Billy Boy.

Leaves her position at the bass drum to Jim Myley.

In twenty years.. cans "Ketmuspicion", the "All-in-One"



Judith Hartman, "Jude" "A winning way, attractive face, ambition fitting her for any place."

Love of Italians...clarinet...sweet disposition...  
blond hair...cleaning "hypo" needles...blushes...  
"How about a lap around the track?"

She leaves for Michigan State and her test tubes.

In twenty years.. Miss America of 1960.



Thomas Bessey, "Tom" "What! No girls in heaven? Just leave me here."

Four wheel drive...any Crystal Flash stamp missing, Tom?...going steady...

Leaves his first chair trombone to Mike Hartman.

In twenty years.. number one debater for the Republican Party.







Joseph Goveia, "Joe" "A rare combination, so we've heard tell- A very good scholar and athlete as well."

huge frame...good sportsmanship...sense of humor...  
long distance...Gobles 7 F 14"...green Studebaker...

Leaves his temper to anyone who wants it. Any offers?

In twenty years- Einstein's sidekick.

Jacqueline Ten Houten, "Jack" "Listen to her for one hour and you'll laugh for two."

Texas drawl...cowboy boots...love of horses...books...  
car...Lawton...teapots...her dandy jokes...

Leaves her wise-cracks and good jokes to Ed. Buskirk.

In twenty years.. Chief Bookie at Churchill Downs.



Georgia Barnes, "George" "A peppy girl with blue eyes, a personality twice her size."

How that girl can talk..."Don't worry, baby, it'll be alright"... "Light and Bright".....

Leaves her well beaten path to Western to anyone who can bum a ride.

In twenty years..international hostess, with the 'mostest' on the ball.



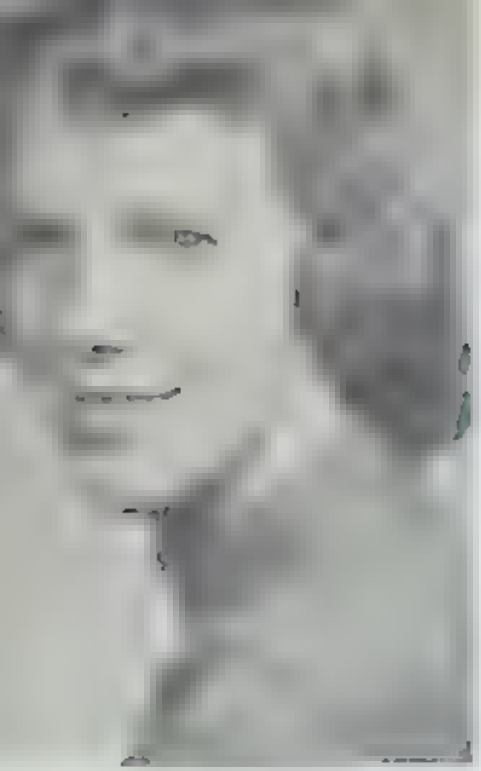
Glen Belanga, . . "Men of few words are good men."

Where's your class ring. Curly? . . clean that windshield well . . noisy black Ford.

Leaves his astounding ability in government class to Jim Wragg.

In twenty years . . world's greatest news commentator.





Marlene Edlund, "There's a little bit of bad in every good little girl."

Pretty blonde hair...athletic ability...how about that dandy truck...what a driver!...friendly... "number please".

Leaves her love for Chicago to Lucille Kately.

In twenty years.. permanent chaperone for Senior trips of future Paw Paw students.

Carl Silas, "Si" "Girls, he's not shy, take a look and give a sigh."

6'5"....curly hair...deer... Model A car...football... basket-ball...always ready to help...wiggle your ears...

Leaves his ability to serve punch at dances to Fred Lula.

In twenty years.. Head clown on Big Top.



Gene Miller, "No sinner and no saint perhaps, but, well, the very best of chaps."

Sports...friendly...good looks...tall...smart... mind of his own...

Leaves his small parts in the plays to Hale Whisler.

In twenty years.. weight lifter for Barnum Bailey Circus.



Joanna Webb, "Jo" "Peaceful, thoughtful, resigned, always modest, sweet, and kind."

Drums...sweet...likeable...athlete...clothes.

Leaves her place in the band to Jim Higley.

In twenty years.. President of the world's 4H Clubs.





Bruce Henderson "Bones" "Such men as he are the cause of women hating each other."

Oldsmobile...down by the riverside (PawPaw River, that is)...good-natured...smooth dresser...where's your glasses...guns...

Leaves his ways with the women to Dick Spayde.

In twenty years.. Africa's "biggest" game hunter.

Martha Pugsley, "Life without mischief is no fun."

Blue-grey skirt...dreams...job at record shop...  
"That's cool"...Western..."Who's up there, Martha?"

She leaves her third hour trips to Kay and Anita.

In twenty years.. National Woman Golf Champion.



Ruby Bukovac, "The more of her you know the fonder you will grow."

A very sweet gal...Girls' State...class officer...willing worker...

Leaves her ability to keep her own class ring to Lenore Feige.

In twenty years.. runs roller coaster at Coney Island.

Stephen Paulus, "Steve" "One who is willing to do what must be done."

Languages...farm...truck...band..

Leaves his cornet to a deserving Junior.

In twenty years .. Language interpreter for U.N.



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Charles Langerveld, "Chuck" "All great men are dead  
and I don't feel well."

Sunny disposition (?)...taxi service...what's that  
on your ear, Chuck?...beard...easy on the punch...  
liquid, that is...

Leaves Miss Freer a bottle of brown dye to cover  
all the gray hairs he caused.

In twenty years.. arguer against anything anyone  
else is in favor of.

Susan Swindell, "Cass" "I'd rather be little and shine,  
than be large and cast a shadow."

Blue Chevy car...scatter brain...Tweed perfume...  
good dancer...collection of class rings...short hair..

She leaves her inability to understand jokes to Sue  
Johnson.

In twenty years... head tennis coach at University  
of Michigan.



Patricia McKee, "Pat" "I need no ship to cross the tide  
of success."

Friends...winning ways...books...hours of study...smile  
...telephone office...

Leaves her knowledge of English to anyone who will sit  
and listen.

In twenty years - business manager at Macy's store.



William Young, "Bill" "I don't let my studies inter-  
fere with my education."

Olds...Japanese(?)...black curly hair...ability to  
get into mischief...Mr. Stavinski...

Leaves his government and physics books to Reuben  
Calow - "Make better use of them than I did."

In twenty years.. official interpreter for the  
Japanese Embassy.





Phyllis Blakenan, "Phyl" "She turns her back on boys and then turns around backward."

Short hair...boy troubles...clothes...corny jokes...  
"Come on, you guys"....

Leaves her ability to collect brownie points to Carole Nardielle.

In twenty years.. president of the Lonely Hearts Club.

Susan Burger, "Clem" "As quiet and inconspicuous as a World War."

Love of cashmere...'53 Mercury...How's the transmission...men!!..."Fifty cents worth of gas, please."

Leaves for Northwestern to acquire more knowledge.

In twenty years.. Tunes and dusts pianos in Carnegie Hall.



Barbara Meyer, "Barbie" "In each cheek appears a pretty dimple."

Diamond...office practice...Kalamazoo...Chevie...  
Meyer's Dry Goods...

Leaves for Kalamazoo...Here I come, Bill.

In twenty years.. works in pineapple cannery in Hawaii.



Lawrence Baker, "Larry" . . "I like work. It fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours."

Blue convertible . . green shirt and blue pants . .  
Oh, no! . . . blushes easily . . "Where's the lawn -  
mower, Lar?"

Leaves his delightful hours of working in his father's grocery store to Gordon Blakeman.

In 20 years - will be running for governor on the Prohibition ticket.





Jacquelyn Hoyer, "Jacque" "Every one has her faults and being nice is hers."

Nice smile...steno notebook...hair styles...always happy...

Leaves her sunny disposition to Sandy Johnson.

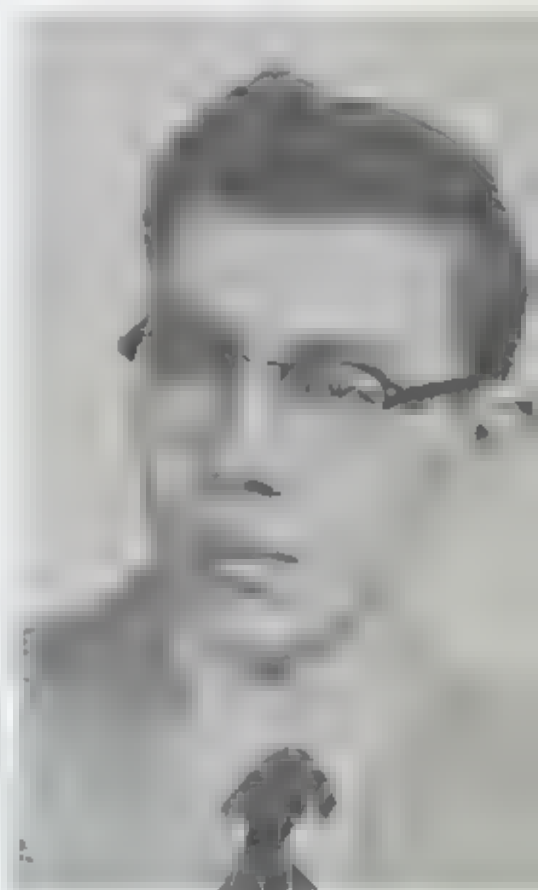
In twenty years.. hair stylist for M.G.M.

Glenn Gustafson, "Gus" "Beware, even yet I may do something sensational."

Glasses...brain...Plymouth...quiet ways...a really swell guy...

Leaves his mathematical ability to Reuben Calow.

In twenty years- physics teacher at Paw Paw.



Evelyn Vukorpa, "Ev" "Good-natured and full of fun - one who's liked by every one."

athletic...always smiling...Gene...red bathing suit..."How about that picture?"...

Leaves her saxophone to Wendy Riedl.

In twenty years.. teaches phys. ed. at Paw Paw.

Ruth Lanphear, "Ruthie" "A woman always has the last word."

Her sweaters...typing room...giggling...temper, temper!

Leaves her gift of gab to Judy Bell.

In twenty years.. Tony Curtis' private secretary.







Judith March, "Judy" "May she never change, except her name."

Baton...musical ability...Spanish...black hair...  
Michigan State...

Leaves her perfect ways and manners to Linda Pearce.

In twenty years .. model for Powers.

Richard Paul, "Dickie" "From little sparks burst a  
mighty flame."

"W 8 L M K"...generous...book of matches...  
Phillips 66...Frank Smith...radio H A M

He leaves his copy of the Universal Code of  
Military Justice to Gene Sherrod.

In twenty years... head phone tapper for F.B.I.



Frank Wayne Walters, "Frankie" "Don't take life too  
seriously. You'll never  
get out of it alive!"

Cornet...turning cars over...crew cut...muscles...

Leaves his sophomore girl to walk to Band by herself  
for the next two years.

In twenty years.. directs his own dance band Frankie's  
Fearsome Five.



Susan Wilson "Helpfulness is her second nature."

Always neat...sweet disposition...her boy friend...  
earrings...

Leaves her friendly ways to Loretta Moore.

In twenty years.. dietician at the Waldorf -  
Astoria.





Carol Poulin, "The world's no better if we worry -  
life's no longer if we hurry."

glasses...boy's ring...Government.

Leaves for Western!

In twenty years.. department store detective.

Carol Leslie, "She's a happy little country girl."

Scads of books...alto voice...sewing machine...  
cook book..."wouldn't be surprised"

Leaves, but her sisters will carry on her shy ways.

In twenty years.. missionary to the long lost Aborigines.



Mary Caroline Taylor, "Mary" "I am a woman - when  
I think, I must speak."

Long hair...glasses...writing poetry...language  
classes...oh, Dick...green Ford...plaid coat...

Leaves her curls to Diana Daines.

In twenty years.. columnist for Paw Paw's Daily  
Journal, her latest article  
entitled "How to Get Along  
With Your Big(?) Sister."



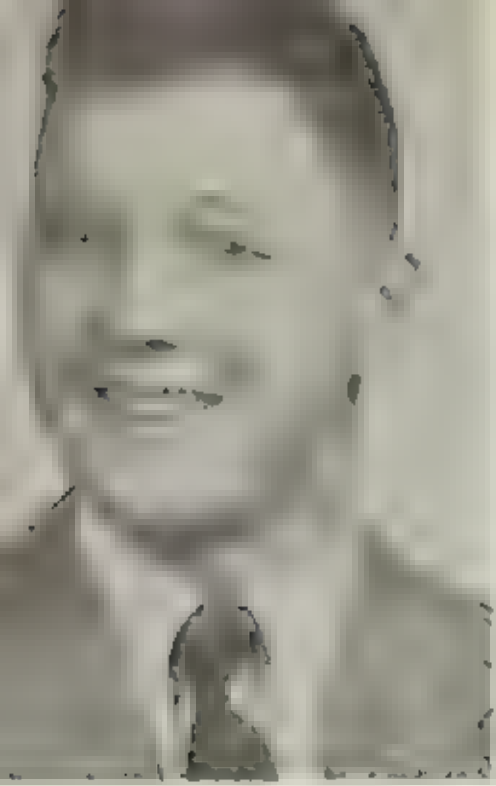
Betty Pedersen "Visible red hair but where's the  
temper?"

absences...neat...man-hater...likes government?

Leaves - Who know's where? Not us!

In twenty years.. first woman candidate for  
president.





David Hoyer, "Dave" "I'm willing to be convinced, but  
find the one who can convince me."

Athletic...stubborn?...M.S.C....deer hunting...a  
heck of a nice guy...him we like...

Leaves his ability to argue with the teachers to  
Clifford White.

In twenty years.. Watch out, Hoover..Dave's after  
your position in the F.B.I.

Sharon Cole, "Thoughtful and resigned - modest,  
sweet and kind."

work at Parkway..."Catsup with the french fries,  
please"...Ken...volley-ball...typing

Leaves her love of Mattawan to - on second thought,  
who would accept it?

In twenty years.. business manager for Freez  
Productions, Incorporated.



Shirley Monroe, "Shirl" "On her third finger there is a  
sparkle."

Muscles...sweet...small...Ford cars...Spanish...blue  
skirt...hope chest..."Number, please"....

Leaves to set up housekeeping.

In twenty years.. ballet star in the production Red  
Shoes.

George Barkovich, . . "Be quiet and be safe."

He's learning fast . . . his numbers . .  
football, that is.

Leaves his F. F. A. jacket to Jim Bowser.

In twenty years . . President of Almena  
Agricultural School for Girls.







Jeanne Schrupp, "Jean" "Not too serious, not too gay, but she has a pleasing way."

Clarinet.. muscles.. athlete...telephone office... blond hair.

Leaves her seat in bookkeeping to some willing Junior.

In twenty years.. Star for Women's Pro Basketball Team.

Richard Dage, "Dick" "I don't mind coming to school.. but the bells keep me awake."

Tall and big...easy going...well liked...trumpet trio...3 Jacks..."Know what I mean!".

Leaves to find a better place to sleep.

In twenty years.. professor of meteorology at the State University.



Edward McKee, "Ed" "I'm not as bashful as I look."

F.F.A. jacket...his Soph. girl...good looks...shy ways... his car.....

Leaves his shy glances at girls to Jerry Abnet.

In twenty years.. plays the part of Frankenstein.

Wanda Skibbe, "Life's short and so am I."

Blond hair...shortness...journalism...Chevie convertibles.. trips to Watervliet...working at laundry...

Leaves her love of basket ball to Sharon Wolf.

In twenty years.. Bag pipe instructor at the University of Scotland.





Alice Faye Stoughton, Alice "A little shy perhaps, but not too shy to be friendly."

Red hair...blush...long walks home...work at Dillons'

Leaves her abundance of freckles to Linda Fisk.

In twenty years.. author of best seller, "How to Jerk Sodas in Three Easy Lessons."

Lucinda Hall, "Cinda" "Behind that quiet look..a daring mind."

How many days till graduation?...convertible...  
work at Parkway...likeable...

Leaves gladly!

In twenty years- Latin teacher at a university.



Jeannine Whitmore, "A face with smiles overspread-  
she sighs not but laughs instead."

Jokes...car...pink sweater...dime store...

Leaves her notes in Government to James Mock.

In twenty years.. Champion bean thrower.

Margarette Berner, "Peggy" "Easy to know and easy to like."

Long flowing tresses...weakness for red heads...flippin'  
hamburgs...long walks home on cold days.

Leaves for - who knows where - Don't

In twenty years.. Swimming instructor at Y.W.C.A.



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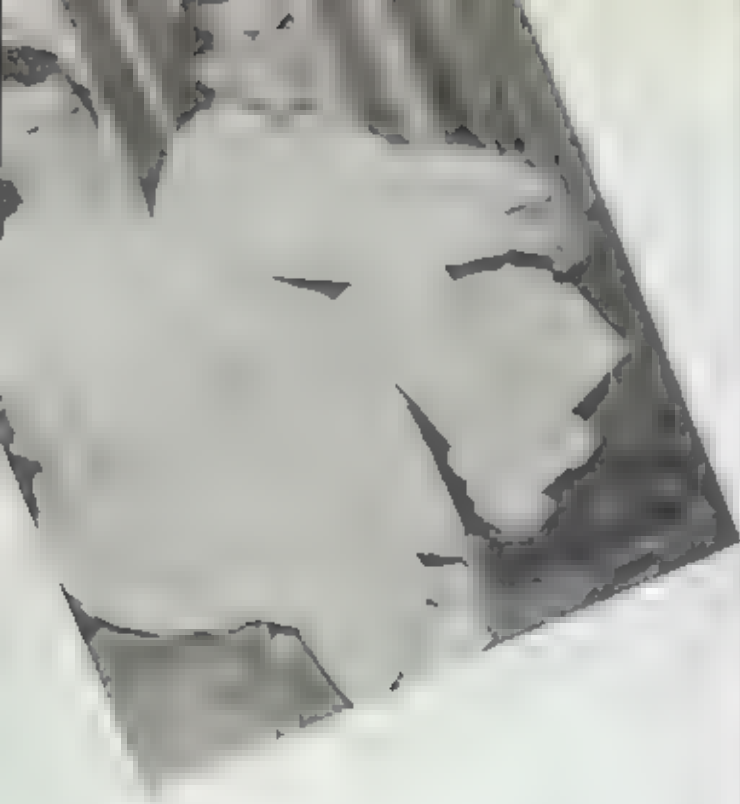






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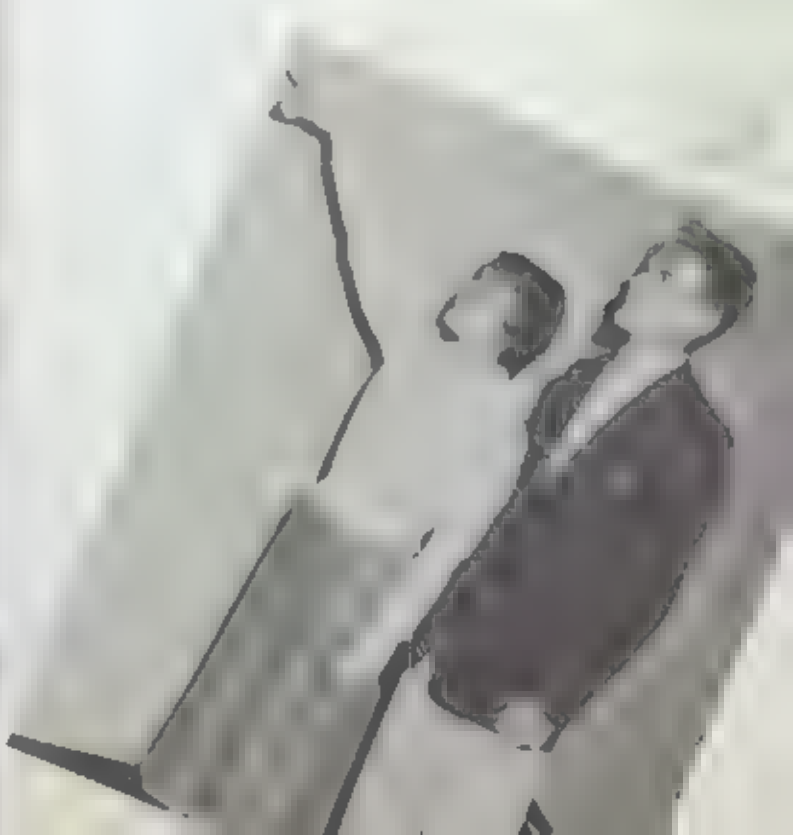
Class wits

Class dreamers



Best dancers

Best-dressed





## "a night

"A Night in Paris" was the theme of the prom when the Seniors of '53 were entertained by the Juniors.

On May 23 the gym was transformed into a street in Paris, complete with sidewalk cafe.

Lining one side of the room were several shops. Guests entering the gym were provided with 'money' with which they could purchase perfume, hats, magazines, and canes.

On the opposite side of the room was the cafe "Moulin Rouge."

Opposite the bandstand, which was a huge inverted umbrella, was a goldfish pond with fish,

## in paris"

turtles, and flowers. White garden furniture added to the decorative effect.

"A Night in Paris" was attended by students, faculty, and alumni. Refreshments were served in the cafe "Moulin Rouge" by bartenders Carl Silas and Joe Govia.

Entertainment included a comedian, Don Layne, from Kalamazoo College. Others entertaining were Judy Murch and Nancy Sinclair, who played a piano duet, and Susan Burger, vocal soloist.

Master-of-ceremonies for the evening was Chuck Langerveld, who did an excellent job.

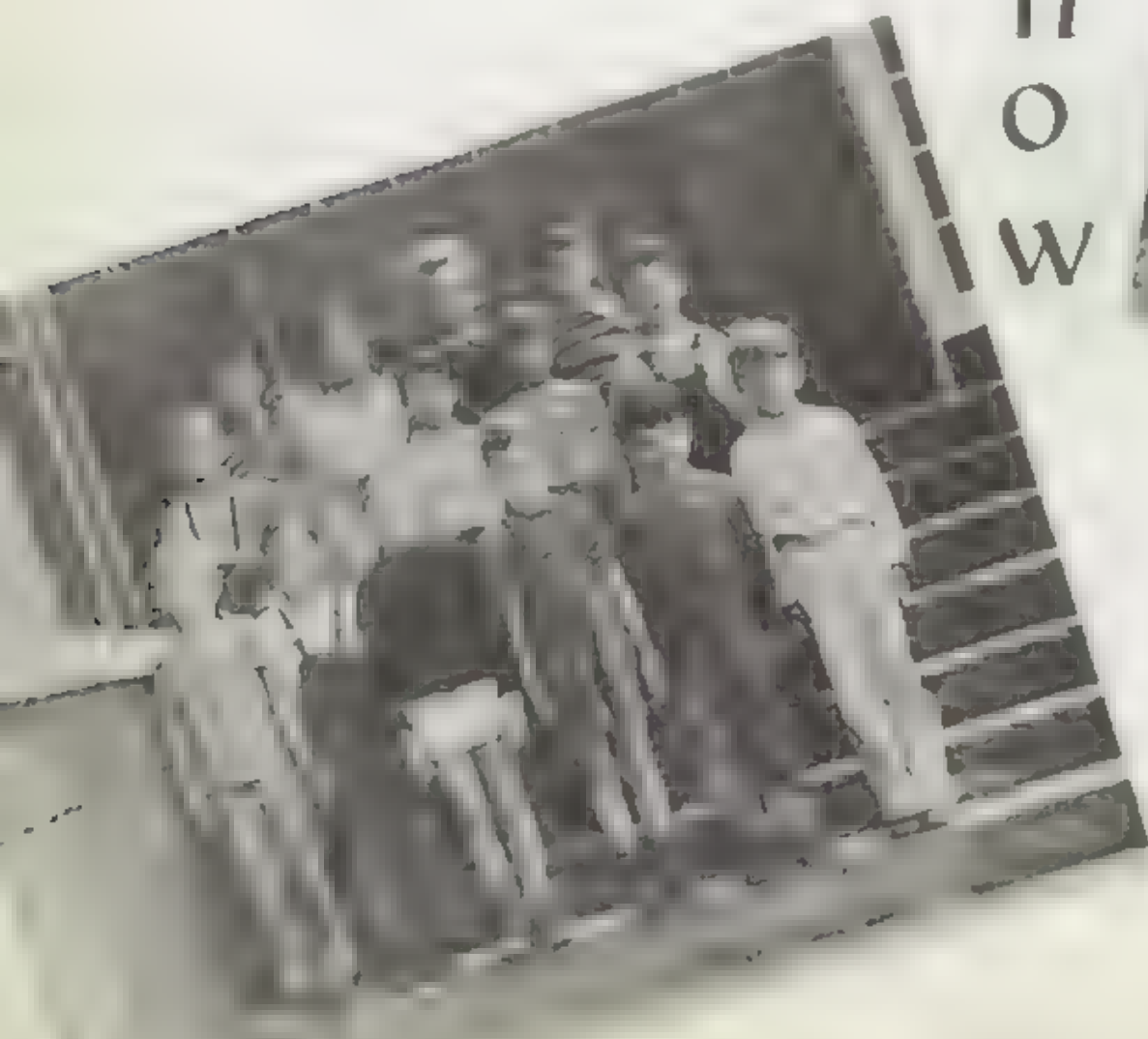




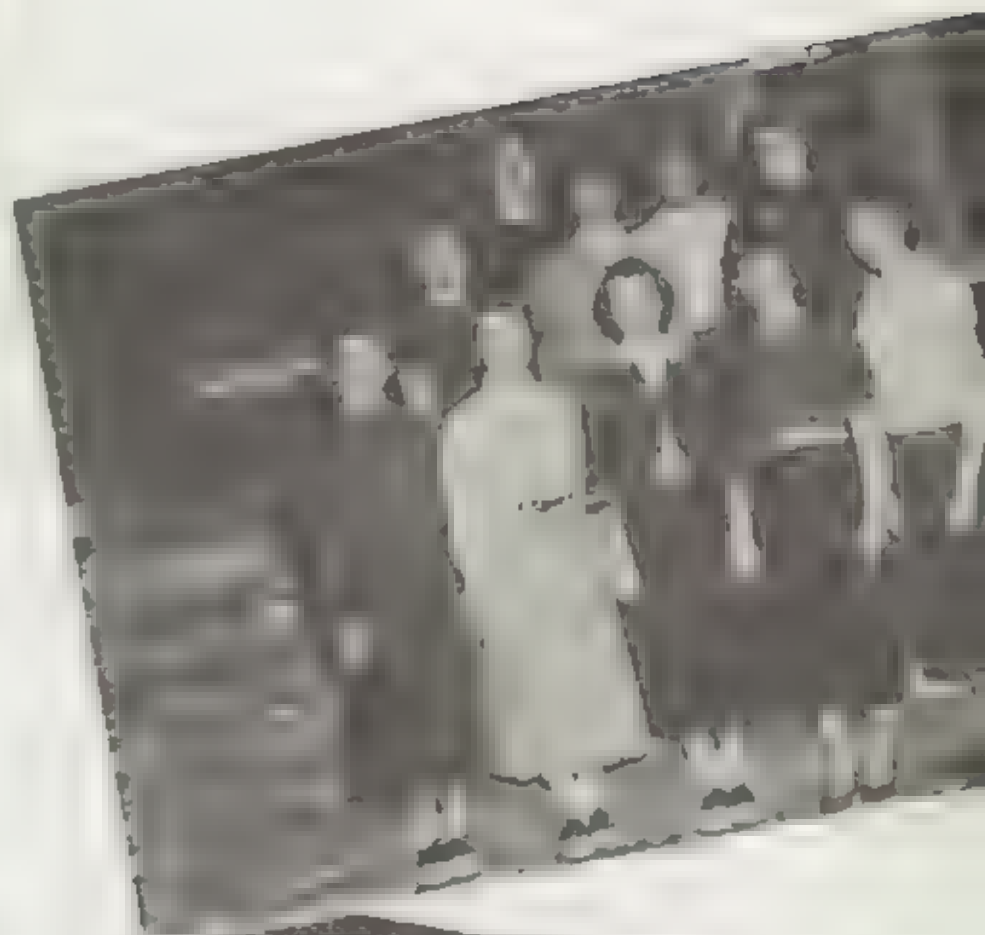


Several members of this year's  
graduating class have managed to  
spend all of their thirteen years  
within the ivy-covered walls of  
Paw Paw High.

Here they are - then and now!



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# Long, Long ago



Row 1 J. Quigno, J. Whitmore, J. Murch, R. Lanphear, J. Hartman  
 Row 2 B. Pederson, S. Swindell, D. Dage, P. Blakeman  
 Row 3 D. Hoyer, A. Stoughton  
 Row 4 J. Webb, R. Bukovac, C. Silas

# Long, Long ago



Row 1 S. Paulus, P. Berner, P. McNellis, B. Meyer  
 Row 2 J. TenHouten, M. Pugsley, G. Barnes, G. Gustafson  
 Row 3 L. Hall, W. Skibbe, M. Edlund  
 Row 4 J. Hoyer, E. McKee, F. Walters, S. Burger

# long, long ago



cw 1 A. Kubian, G. Miller, C. Wolfe, S. Monroe  
 Row 2 L. Goodenough, S. Cole  
 Row 3 J. Goveia, B. Ritsema, J. Carrington, B. Henderson  
 Row 4 L. Baker, M. Pugsley, G. Barkovich, C. Poulin



# class history

That long-awaited day has finally arrived. Before long now, we, the Class of '54, will be marching, as sedately as possible, down the aisles of our beloved auditorium to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance. We'll all be feeling just a little proud and happy to think, "This is our graduation night. One of those diplomas up there is mine." But along with this feeling of pride and accomplishment, I think most of us will find a slight feeling of sadness and perhaps an occasional tear. For on this night that culminates a very important part of our lives we will recall the happenings of the past thirteen years in a new light, as things that are a part of the 'school days' we are leaving behind. We will remember the things that have been important and dear to us.

How big we felt on that September day back in 1941 when we could say to our younger friends, "I go to school now." Mrs. DeHaan, the Kindergarten teacher, immediately became our trusted friend, as she taught us to print our names, to sing nursery rhymes, and to make Christmas gifts for our parents.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Meyers for starting us out on the right track with Dick and Jane, and other fundamentals of learning.

Second grade presents a rather dim spot in our memories, except for our teacher, Miss McQuigg, whom we will never forget.

The beloved Miss Roth and fighting to see who would head the line to recess are associated with our recollections of third grade.

In fourth grade, under the capable direction of Miss Simmons, we furthered our learning, and even began our multiplication tables. We began

carrying home intelligent-looking books. After all, weren't we the seniors of the east end of the hall?

The next year, aside from the routine "readin'", 'ritin', and 'rithmet-ic," Miss Brennan taught us numerous comical songs such as The Hi-So Cap. Even now, one of us is likely to come up with one of them, as they have remained our favorites. It was in the fifth grade also that we presented a very dignified (?) version of the Virginia reel for the May Festival.

Sixth grade was the culmination of our grade school experience. Poor Miss Stufft--she really had a class on her hands! We'll always remember that inevitable plunk on the piano when she wanted our attention, and our indignation at being told to 'march' out to recess. That year we spent many a cold wintry night gazing at the stars, and showed our dramatic ability by presenting our interpretation of Robin Hood.

Seventh grade, and upstairs with the High School at last! Highlights of the year were sponsoring our own class party and attending the Junior High party and the picnic at Base-line Lake.

The next year was that 'in-between' kind. We were far over and above the seventh grade but were terribly anxious to become freshmen. The parties and picnic were still about the extent of our social life.

As ninth graders we found that we had quite a few adjustments to make. For the first time we were allowed to choose for ourselves some of the subjects we were to pursue. Many of us were by then members of the band and choir. We made our class party a hard-times affair, a very momentous occasion.

Our high school life really began when we became sophomores. We now had desks in the study hall with the rest of the Senior High and could sit around in little groups before class time and talk and act very sophisticated. We

were now officially allowed to come to the dances and even sponsored one ourselves. The unvarying subject of discussion at all our class meetings was how to make money for the following year. Speaking of class meetings, they certainly were riotous affairs, but I think Miss Freer and Mr. Gillender will agree that we have improved some since then.

Our junior year was certainly a very busy but wonderful one. Our principal objective was sponsoring a good junior-senior banquet and prom. We delved quickly into various money-making projects, among them the traditional magazine sale, from which we made considerable profit. We spent many long hours of hard work in the Silas garage preparing for the prom, but when we viewed the final outcome of our labor we all agreed that it was well worth the effort, for our street in gay Paris was very much admired by all. The banquet could also be termed a great success. Our theme?--Dormez-vous. Everyone stuffed himself with the delicious turkey and home-made pie. We were all very thrilled and proud (to say the least) when we finally received our coveted class rings. Another of the big events of the year was the speech class production of Come Over to Our House, which was also a success and will never be forgotten by members of the cast.

And now here we are seniors at last. We've successfully presented the play Our Town, which will remain dear to the hearts of those of us who took part in it throughout the years to come. Thanks, Miss Freer! We've had our pictures taken and have been measured for caps and gowns, and we've struggled to meet the Wappaw deadlines. As we go to press, we are still looking forward to this year's prom, skip day, and the last of our annual treks to Silver Beach.

Yes, as we graduate on the ninth day of June, 1954, we will remember



these things-these and many others. To each of us, the diploma in our hands will mean something different. As we shake the hands of friends and relatives and receive their congratulations, we will all be thinking different thoughts and remembering different things, but in the back of each of our minds- that little voice saying, "I'm just a tiny bit sorry that I'm leaving." The future too holds something different for each of us. Some of us will go on to college, and others will find jobs. A few have made their matrimonial plans already. But no matter where we go or what we do, I'm sure none of us will ever forget the valuable experiences we've encountered here at Paw Paw High School. To the teachers who have so capably helped to guide us during these past thirteen years, we say a big "Thank you."





# BASEBALL



Row 2. B. Henderson, L. Leese, D. Miller, J. Hone, B. Kruse, C. Thomas.  
Row 1. Coach Wragg, A. Coler, T. Korn, L. Barkovich, L. Baxter, R. Schincarol.

Student Coach Dick Wragg's baseball team turned out a very fine league record in the spring of '53, capturing the second place berth with a record of four wins and two losses.

At the end of the season, the 'Skins had a 5-1 mark, losing two hard-fought tussles with Bangor.



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Last Row- John Aira, Ed. Murphy, Frank Adams, Wilbur Ambury, Carl Silas, John Davis, Larry Abbott, Bert Frisco, Robert Jones, Jack Wayne Falan.

First Row- Ed. McKee, Bill Swert, Len Fournier, Ed. Backirk, Tom Horn, Laverne Baxter, Morris Carmody, Carlton Irving.

The track team had one of its finest seasons in 1953. The Redskins placed first in the K. V. A. League Meet, racking up a total of 105 points to a mere 23 for the second place winner.

Varsity tennis was added to the sports program in 1953. Coach Vince McGugan's net squad completed its initial year in third place with a respectable 3-3 record in the K. V. A. League.

# t e n n i s





# V a R S I T Y C L U B

The Varsity Club, composed of boys who have won awards of sportsmanship and scholarship, is composed of boys who have won varsity awards during their years in high school sports.

President:	Joe Goveia	Secretary-Treasurer:	Gene Miller
Vice President:	Dave Hoger	Bouncers:	Bill Ewert or Kruse

Throughout the 1953-54 athletic season, the cheerleaders led Redskin fans in their cheering at all varsity football and basketball games.

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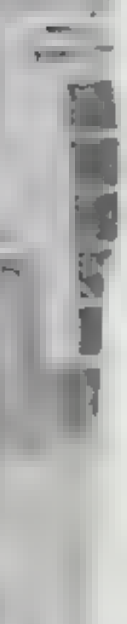








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